



Addingham
West Yorkshire
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Planning Dept
Bradford Metropolitan District Council

Dear Sirs

Bradford Local Plan – Core Strategy – Proposed Main Modifications

We write to contribute our comments to the consultation on the proposed main modifications to the Core Strategy Development Plan.

The comments provided by the Parish Council to the original consultation on the Plan (17 February to 31 March 2014) are still valid, as they relate to the potential pressures on infrastructure. Please refer to our submission to the original consultation for our detailed response (pages 5-9 of the submission). For your ease of reference, we reproduce here our introduction and summary:

The Parish Council has real concerns on the basis on which this document has been prepared. There is a lack of evidence provided by Bradford MDC to substantiate their figures and housing allocation.

Reference is made to local need, creating new schools, building better transport networks and links. However there are no indications as to how this is to be achieved, in terms of who will provide it, who will pay for it. Local need is not verified in any of the sections of the document. How has Bradford arrived at the "local need" figure of 200 houses for Addingham. What work has Bradford done to establish and prove this figure? Where is the evidence from Bradford that they have calculated this figure on a sound basis, using sound accepted analysis models?

The response is made after having taken into account comments from local groups and after holding a public meeting on 24th February 2014 where the views and opinions of local residents were recorded.

Given the increase in housing numbers proposed in the Main Modifications document, the pressures on infrastructure would be increased further in the areas of education, transport, environmental habitats and utilities.

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The recent heavy rain in December 2015 has led to flooding in Addingham from a number of different causes. Flooding has occurred from the River Wharfe itself, and additional flooding has also occurred from run-off (water from upland locations), which has overwhelmed the drainage system; an increase in the level of the water table has also contributed, compounding the existing problems.

Any additional housing in Addingham will exacerbate these existing problems. Whilst modifications have been proposed to increase housing in the Wharfe valley, no additional work has been done to identify the effect on the existing infrastructure, nor on the water system as a whole, therefore bringing into question the validity of arbitrary increases in housing numbers in Addingham and the Wharfe valley.

Yours faithfully

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